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INTRODUCTION

The United States now has a fairly complete network of pilot-balloon stations and it is therefore believed that a summary of upper-air winds, showing average conditions for individual stations, will be of value not only to aviation interests but also to meteorologists and students who are interested in studying the general circulation of the atmosphere. This summary differs from part II of "An Aerological Survey of the United States" in that, in the latter publication, observations from several stations were grouped for areas of geographical and climatic similarity and most of the data given for levels above the "surface" rather than above sea level, as is done in this summary.

The summary is based on pilot-balloon observations from 14 Weather Bureau stations located in the eastern section of the United States. It will be noted that the stations are quite evenly distributed over the area, except for a rather large gap over southern Ohio, southwestern Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and eastern Kentucky. Summaries similar to this are being made for the remainder of the country, and these will be published as soon as the computations are completed.

Table 1.—List of stations, showing elevation above sea level, period of record, and number of observations

Station	Eleva- tion (me- ters)	Period of record	A verage number observa- tions daily		
Atlanta, Ga	309	Oct. 1926-Dec. 1930			
Boston, Mass	15	Nov. 1926-Oct. 1931			
Burlington, Vt	132	Jan. 1924-Dec. 1931			
leveland, Ohio	245	Sept. 1926-May 1931			
Detroit, Mich	2 7	Oct. 1926-June 1931			
Due West, S.C	217	Jan. 1924-Dec. 1930			
		May 1928-Dec. 1931 Jan. 1924-Sept. 1929			
thaca, N.Yacksonville, Fla		Oct. 1926-Dec. 1931			
ey West, Fla		July 1920-Dec. 1931			
noxville, Tenn	318	Aug. 1927-Dec. 1931			
ewark, N.J.		Jan. 1927-Dec. 1931			
ault Ste. Marie, Mich	198	Jan. 1927-June 1931			
Vashington, D.C.	10	Jan. 1921-Dec. 1931			

In conformity with the recommendations of the International Commission for Air Navigation and the International Commission for the Exploration of the Upper Air, the data presented herein are given in metric units.

The data used in this summary are computed for heights above sea level. This has been the standard practice in the Weather Bureau since January 1, 1924. The levels used are 750 meters (2,461 feet), 1,500 meters (4,921 feet), 3,000 meters (9,842 feet), and 4,000 meters (13,123 feet). Surface winds are not included, as a comparison between surface winds and winds aloft is given in part II of "An Aerological Survey of the United States", and, furthermore, more satisfactory data for showing average surface wind conditions are available in the hourly wind records kept by all Weather Bureau stations.

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No record of less than 3 years in length is included. Consequently, the results are believed to give an accurate indication of average conditions prevailing at each station, except at the 4,000-meter level for certain stations during the winter months where the number of observations is probably too small to give reliable averages. It

¹ Gregg, W. R., Supplement No. 26, Monthly Weather Review, 1926.

should be borne in mind in this connection that pilotballoon observations are not made when precipitation is occurring and that the maximum height reached in many cases is limited by cloud layers. The number of observations on which the data are based are given in table 2.

All the observations made at each station, regardless of the time of day, are combined in this summary. Previous to 1926 two observations were made daily at all these stations except Ithaca, N.Y., at about 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., E.S.T. At Ithaca only one observation was made daily, at 3 p.m., throughout the entire period covered by this summary. At the other stations the time of the 8 a.m. observations was changed to 6:30 a.m. and that of the 3 p.m. observations to 6:30 p.m. during 1926 and 1927, and intermediate observations approximately midway between these two times were begun by certain stations. Early in 1930 the times of 6:30 and 12:30 a.m. and p.m., E.S.T., were standardized for all stations, and this schedule has been followed rather closely since that time. The average number of observations made daily at each station is given in table 1.

WIND ROSES

In figures 1-52, wind roses are presented for each month and for the year.

As these charts are essentially self-explanatory, only the outstanding characteristics will be pointed out. is desired to call attention, first of all, to the fact that the average velocities from directions having low percentage frequencies are much less uniform than those from directions having high percentage frequencies. This is, of course, due to the smaller number of observations upon which the former are based. Lack of sufficient number of observations appears, also, to account for the high percentage of west winds at Ithaca at 3,000 and 4,000 meters during January and December. The effects of local topography are apparent in the lower levels at certain stations; the most noteworthy case being that of the high percentage of southwest winds throughout the year at 750 meters at Knoxville. This is obviously due to the SW.-NE. direction of the valley in which the station is situated

In table 3 the annual percentage frequencies of winds for each direction are combined into two figures showing the total frequency of westerly and easterly winds, respectively. In arriving at these figures the total frequencies of NNW. to SSW. plus ½ (N. plus S.) are considered as "westerly" winds and the total frequencies of NNE. to SSE. plus ½ (N. plus S.) are considered as "easterly" winds.

The inclusion of north and south winds in these tables is believed justified by the fact that, in the great majority of cases, winds so recorded are actually one or more degrees east or west of true north or true south. Assigning one half to westerly and one half to easterly directions is, of course, arbitrary and is done as a convenience to avoid reference to many thousands of individual records. Since the percentage frequencies of north and south winds are in most cases relatively small, as will be seen in figures 49 to 52, from which this table was compiled; the errors introduced by this method cannot be large.

The gradual increase in percentage of "westerly" winds and the corresponding decrease in "easterly" winds between 750 meters and 3,000 meters ranges from 8 percent at Ithaca to 29 percent at Key West. From 3,000 meters to 4,000 meters the change is small, however, except at Key West and Jacksonville, where it amounts to 8 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

Table 3.—Total annual percentage frequency of westerly and easterly winds. Westerly winds are, NNW. to SSW. plus ½ (N. plus S.); easterly winds are, NNE. to SSE. plus ½ (N. plus S.)

CONTRACTOR AND RECO		neters	1,500 1	neters	3,000 1	neters	4,000 meters		
Stations	Total W.	Total E.	Total W.	Total E.	Total W.	Total E.	Total W.	Total	
Atlanta, Ga	65	35	73	27	80	20	82	18	
Boston, Mass	82	18	89	11	92	8	92	8	
Burlington, Vt	79	21	86	14	90	10	90	10	
Cleveland, Ohio	74	26	82	18	88	12	91	1	
Detroit, Mich	73 64	27 36	82	18	89	11	89	11	
Due West, S.C	69	31	76 78	24 22	85 82	15 18	86 82	14	
Tthese N V	82	18	87	13	90	10	92	18	
Ithaca, N.Y	53	47	66	34	74	26	79	21	
Vay West Fla	95	75	35	65	54	46	62	38	
Key West, Fla Knoxville, Tenn	25 68	32	78	22	81	19	79	21	
Newark, N.J	79	21	87	13	89	11	88	1	
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich	69	31	74	26	85	15	86	14	
Washington, D.C.	75	25	86	14	91	9	91	1	

At most stations velocities are higher in winter than in summer and higher from westerly directions than from easterly directions. At Key West, however, at 750 meters, velocities are higher from easterly directions than from westerly directions. As a rule, velocities increase with latitude, being higher, for instance, at Sault Ste. Marie, Burlington, and Boston than at Key West, Jacksonville, and Atlanta. Velocities also increase with altitude at all stations except Key West where there is a decrease from 750 meters to 3,000 meters and then an increase to 4,000 meters. This is due, of course, to the fact that the easterly trade winds predominate at Key West throughout the year in the lower levels, with the maximum velocity occurring at about 500 meters. been found, by computing these data for additional levels for Key West, that the velocity decreases above 500 meters to about 2,500 meters where the antitrades or westerly winds begin to predominate. A gradual increase in velocity then occurs above 2,500 meters.

In table 4 average velocities are given for all observed winds, regardless of direction.

Table 4.—Average velocities in m.p.s. (obtained by dividing the total of all velocities by the total number of observations). One m.p.s. = 2.24 m.p.h.

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Altitude (meters)	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	An- nual
750	15. 9	9.3	9. 6 11. 5 14. 0 15. 7	8. 7 10. 8	7.5	7.3 8.2	5.0	5. 0 6. 1	5.3 6.4	8. 4 9. 6	9.9		9. 7
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RESULTANT WINDS

Resultant winds are of considerable value, both for study purposes and for practical use, in that they show the mass movement of air. In computing these data, each individual wind observation is considered as a force vector, and in arriving at the final results these forces are combined into one force, or value, representing the resultant or mass movement of air. For example, a north wind of 10 m.p.s. combined with a south wind of 12 m.p.s. will give a resultant wind of 2 m.p.s. from the south, which is, of course, the mass movement of the air as measured by these two observations. Resultant winds can be used to advantage in planning air-line schedules, and also in the study of the general circulation of the atmosphere.

In the following figures, 53 to 65, the resultant winds are shown by arrows flying with the wind. The lengths of the arrows indicate velocities in meters per second.

It will be noted that at most stations the resultant directions range from SW. to NW. throughout the year. At the more southerly stations, however, these directions are affected by the easterly trade winds, as follows:

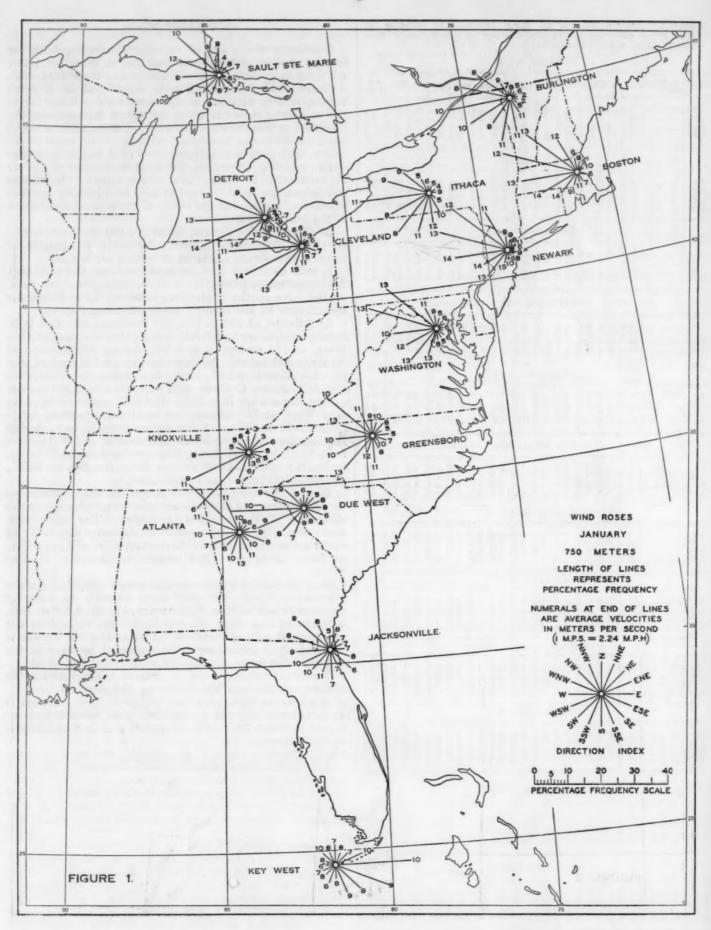
At Atlanta, at 750 meters, the resultant direction is S. during September and NNE. during October; also at Due West, at 750 meters, it is ENE. during September and N. during October. At Jacksonville, at 750 meters, the resultant direction is E. during September and November and NE. during October, and at 1,500 and 3,000 meters during September it is ESE. and SE., respectively. At Key West, at 750 meters, the resultant directions range from ENE. to SE.; at 1,500 meters from E. to S. during the months of April to January, inclusive; at 3,000 meters from ESE. to SSE., during the months June to October, inclusive; and at 4,000 meters from the SE. or ESE., during July, August, and September.

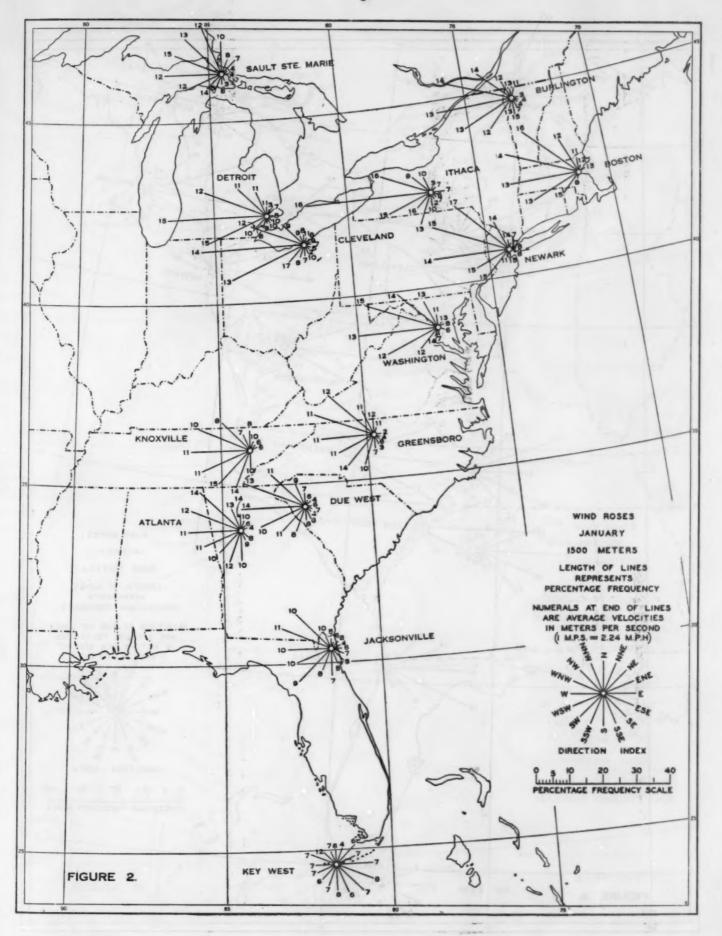
With a few exceptions, the annual resultant directions for all stations and all levels are concentrated between the directions WSW. to WNW., inclusive. The only exceptions are: SW. at 750 meters at Jacksonville, NW. at 4,000 meters at Sault Ste. Marie, and ESE., SE., and SW. at 750, 1,500, and 3,000 meters, respectively, at Key West.

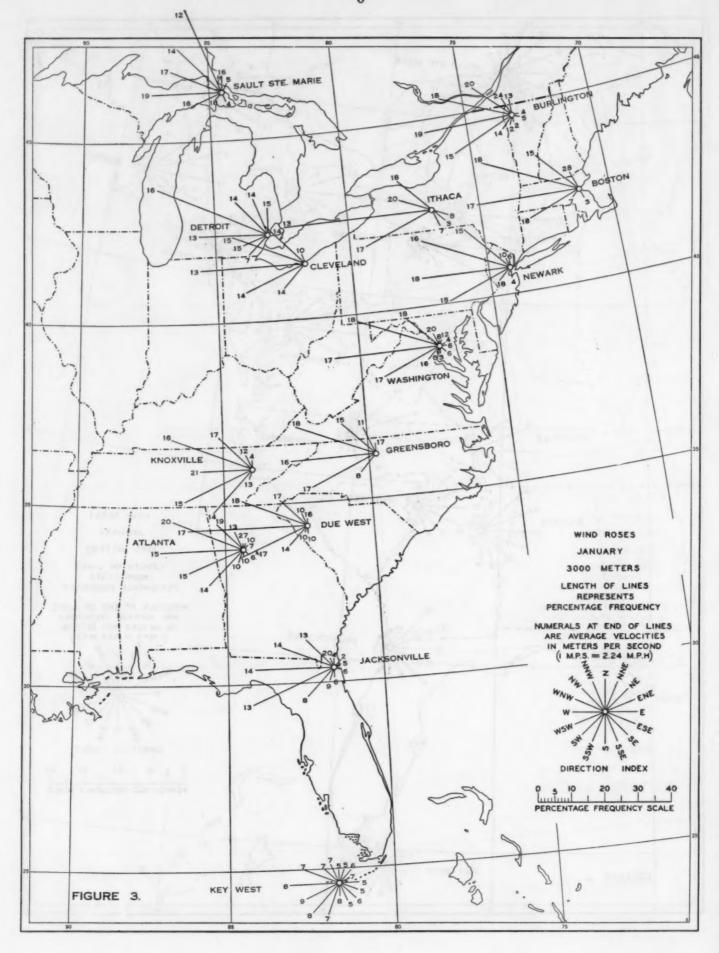
It is interesting to note, in this connection, that, for the year as a whole, the shift from easterly to westerly resultant winds at Key West occurs at about 2,500 meters, whereas at San Juan, Puerto Rico,³ this shift does not occur until a level between 5,000 and 6,000 meters is reached, thus indicating the amount of increase in the depth of the trade winds southward from Key West.

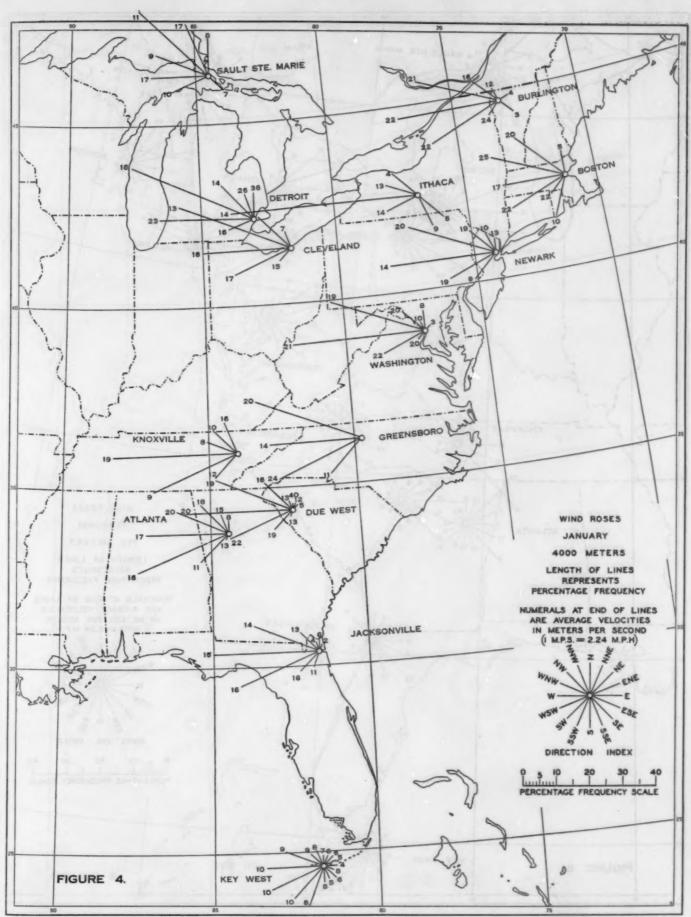
Resultant velocities are, in general, highest during the winter months and lowest during the summer months. A gradual increase in these velocities with altitude is apparent at all stations except Key West, where a decrease occurs between 750 and 3,000 meters and then an increase to 4,000 meters.

Gregg, W. R., Aeronautical Meteorology, Revised Edition, p. 108.
 Ray, C. L., Monthly Weather Review, November 1931, p. 414.

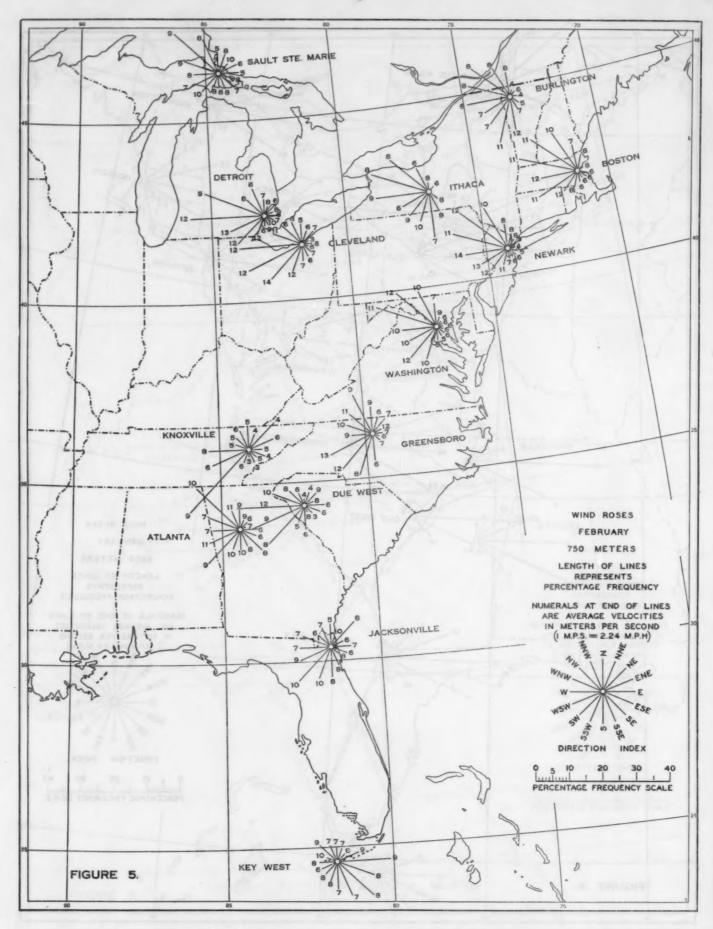


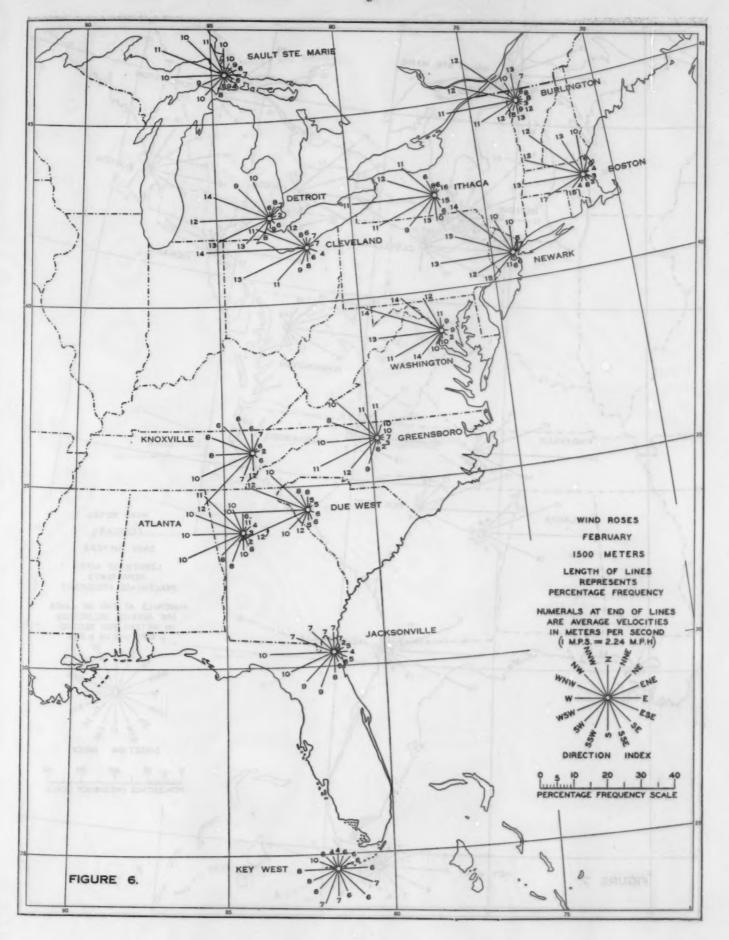


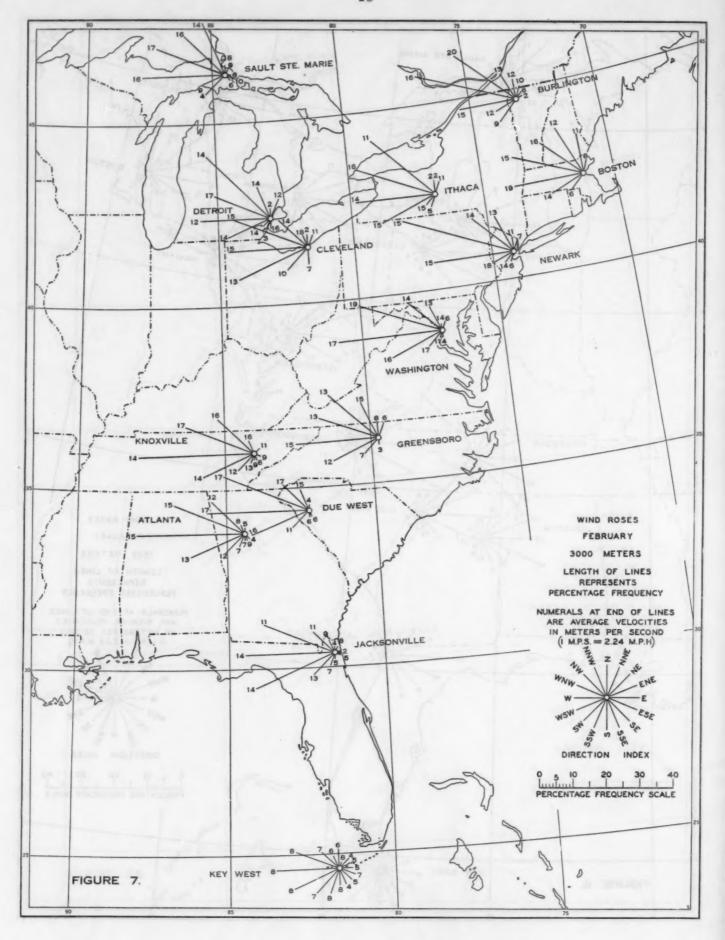


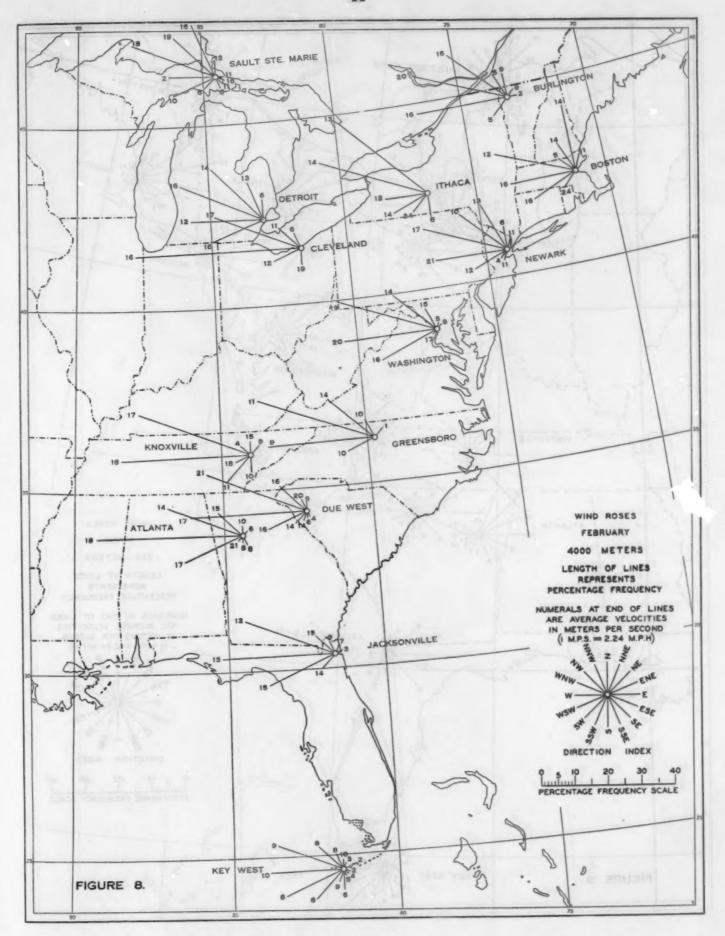


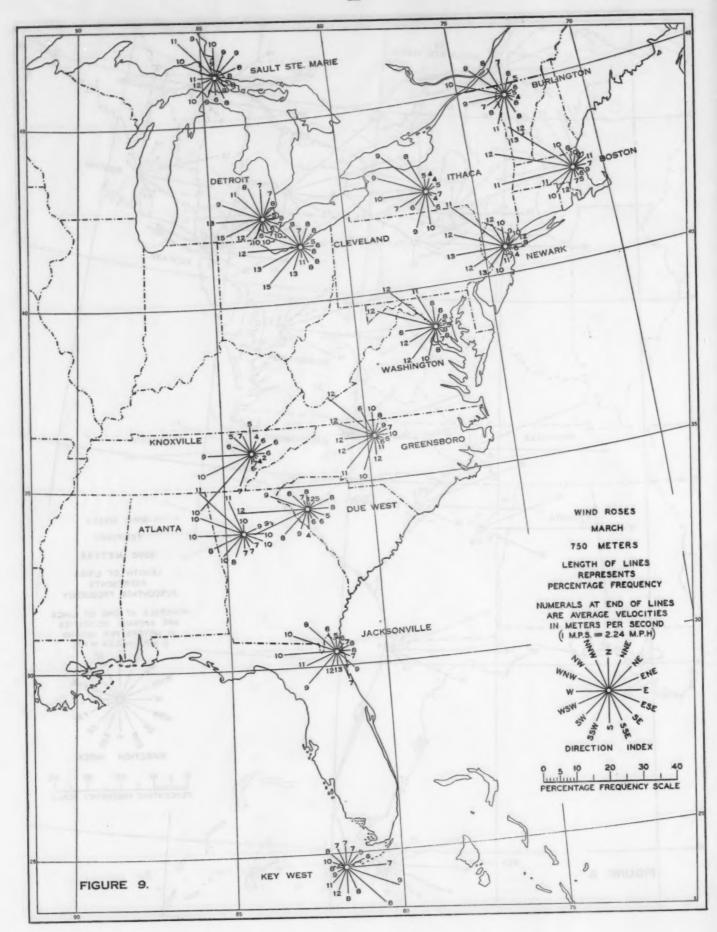
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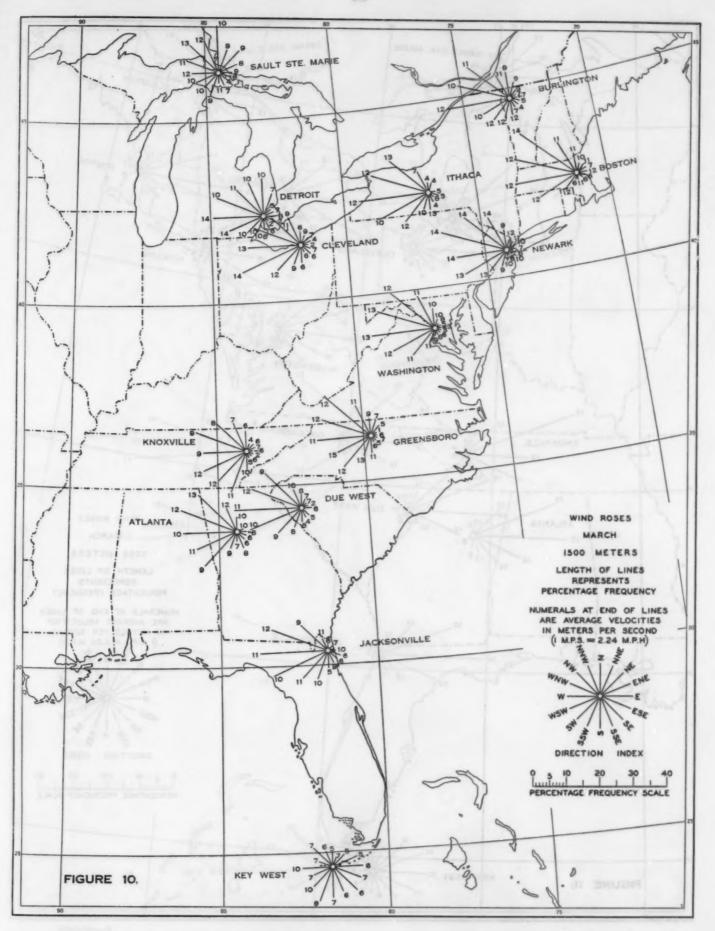


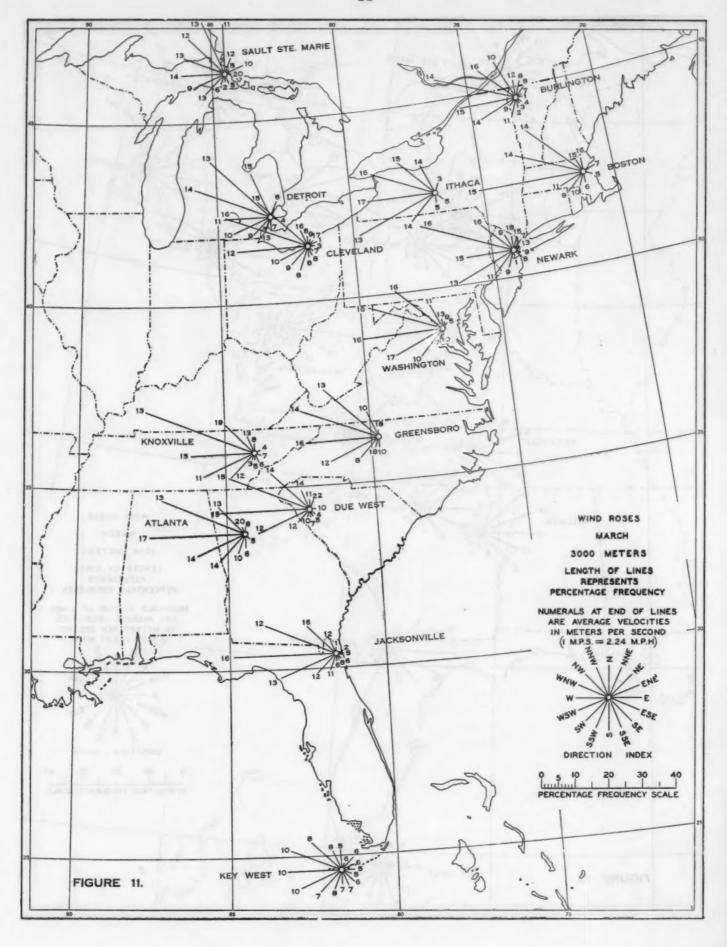


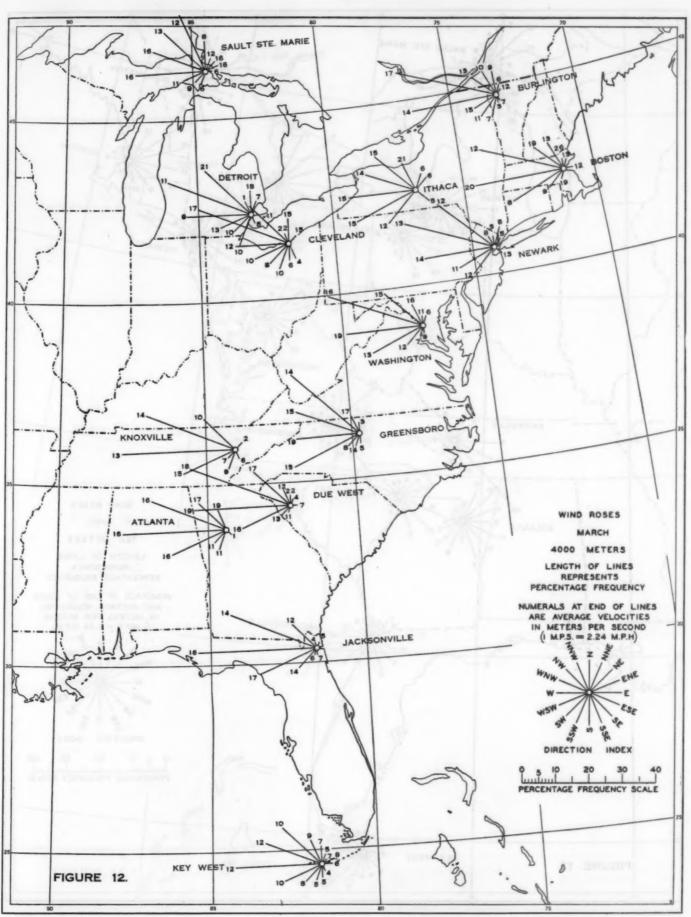












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